

## DEMOCRATS WILL FIGHT.

**HOUSE CAUCUS VOTE: TO OPPOSE  
M'KINLEY'S PROPOSALS.**

### Hayley Offers Resolutions Which Are Adopted Against Retiring Greenbacks or Extending National Banks, for Cuba and a Bank- ruptcy Law—Hawaiian Course Left Open.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—One hundred and one Representatives attended the Democratic House caucus to-night, over which Mr. Hichborn presided. The attendance of the members was mostly conspicuous by their absence. The caucus was called at the request of fifty or sixty members who wanted a definite and authoritative policy adopted for their guidance at this session. The caucus was in session less than an hour, and unanimously adopted the following, offered by Mr. Bailey, the official leader of the minority:

Resolved, That the members of this caucus call the Democratic members of the House of Representatives ought to resist all efforts, direct and indirect, to retire the greenbacks and Treasury notes.

Resolved, That we are opposed to and will resist all attempts to extend the privilege of

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### ENGLAND'S LABOR TROUBLE.

Some Progress Made Toward Settling the Engineers' Strike.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The conference between the Amalgamated Society of Engineers and the Employers' Federation was resumed to-day. It was expected that the result of the ballot taken to decide whether the masters' proposals should be accepted would lead to a rupture of the negotiations for the settlement of the strike, the mas-

This, however, was not the case, and at the meeting to-day the employers adopted an attitude that was more conciliatory than that assumed by them prior to the taking of the ballot. The latter submitted a far more explanation of their position, and both sides displayed throughout the meeting a more reasonable spirit. The discussion resulted in a substantial advance toward a settlement of the dispute.

days ago, with three exceptions, which comprise the offices of Public Works, Agriculture, and Public Instruction. The Ministry, as finally constructed, is as follows:

The Marquis di Rudini, Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior.  
Admiral Brin, Minister of Marine.  
Signor Zanardelli, Minister of Justice.  
Signor Luzzatti, Minister of the Treasury.

**Will Canada Suspend Pelagic Sealing?**  
*Special Cable Despatch to THE STAR.*  
LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Government is in consultation with the Government of Canada in regard to the question of suspending pelagic sealing for a year. There is no indication of Great Britain moderating her attitude in the matter.

**La Touraine Reaches Port.**  
*Special Cable Dispatch to THE STAR.*  
HAVRE, Dec. 14.—The French line steamer *La Touraine*, which sailed from New York on Dec. 4 for this port, arrived here to-day in tow of a British steamship. She had been disabled.

**Lynched Three Instead of Two Men.**  
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 14.—The mob in Iberdri parish, which dealt with the murders of George Habin last night lynched three instead of two men as first reported. The lynched men were James Thomas and Joseph and Charles Alexander. The third man was a white man, the name in which he implicated the two Alexander Watson Carter, Frank Osborne, and Laurence Doudrick. The three men in the mob, the name of Habin, were whipped by the mob, and Carter was ordered to leave the parish.

**Two Negroes Lynched by White Caps.**  
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 14.—A telegram from

Kennedy, seventy-five miles west of here, in Lamar county, says that Lewis and John Bonner, negroes, were taken from Howe last night by hands of White Caps and shot to death. Lewis Bonner was a United States witness and also a State witness against White Cappers who murdered another negro three months ago. His brother John was spending the night with him and shared his death, doubtless to prevent him from being a witness against the lynchers.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 14.—Frank Weede, who nearly killed his cousin, Miss Bessie Coters, by firing a load of slugs into her body, was to-day sentenced to State prison for eighteen months.

**Union League Ticket Not Posted.**

The Nominating Committee of the Union League Club held a protracted session last night, and discussed the selection of candidates for the regular election to be held for the annual election in January. It was said after the session that the make-up of the ticket had

**Confederate Battle Flag Brings \$9,50.**  
BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 14.—A Confederate battle flag which is said to have been captured by G. Butler's men in New Orleans, on May 1, 1862, when it was hung from a window, was sold auction this morning at the rooms of C. E. L.

**Fought a Street Duel with Knives.**

Frank King fought a duel with Kreses yesterday in a forest in Crockett, Tex. King was wounded mortally, being disemboweled. He never was stabbed in seven places and may have died.

The duel was the revival of a feud of a dozen years ago in which at least half a dozen men were killed.

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**Poughkeepsie Bakery Sold to the Trust.**

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 14.—It was announced today that the United States Bank Company had acquired the plant of the Poughkeepsie Cracker Bakery, and will operate it in the future. The terms of sale are withheld, but it is known they include a rental of the

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